

### **V. REMARKS**

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 USC 101 because it disclosed invention is an operative and therefore lacks utility. The claim is amended to obviate the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 and 32-36 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Loose et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,517,433). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Loose teaches a spinning reel slot machine that includes a plurality of mechanical rotatable reels and a video display. In response to a wager, the reels are rotated and stopped to randomly place symbols on the reels in visual association with a display area. The video display provides a video image superimposed upon the reels. The video image may be interactive with the reels and include such graphics as payout values, a pay table, pay lines, bonus game features, special effects, thematic scenery and instructional information.

Independent claims 5, 10, and 32, as amended, recite that "a power source relay device for relaying power fed from the power source feeding device so as to independently supply the power to the image control device and the display device. By contrast, Loose fails to teach or suggest such features as now recited in claims 5, 10 and 32.

Independent claims 11, 16, 17, 21, 22 and 26, as amended, recite that an image state keeping device monitors a signal of an image fed from the display control device so as to control the display device to be in a predetermined state when the image state keeping device detects that the signal of the image is abnormal. The Office Action asserts: "As stated above, the gaming device includes lamps (col. 5, lines 36-38) and a video display that can adjust an image in terms of transparency, translucency, or opacity (col. 5, lines 24-27). Through the use of these two

components the device is able to produce different lighting situations based on the gaming state and the different states are used to guarantee that a player will view an image clearly (col. 5, lines 26-27), preventing abnormal images." The description of Loose cited by the Office Action do not teach or suggest "image state keeping device" as recited by claims 11, 16, 17, 21, 22 and 26.

It is respectfully submitted that that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the features of the independent claims as amended and discussed above. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art could not combine the features of the applied art to arrive at the claimed invention because the applied art is devoid of all the features of the claimed invention. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that the independent claims are allowable over the applied art.

Claims 6, 7 and 9 depend from claim 5 and include all of the features of claim 5. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 5 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Claims 12-15 depend from claim 11 and include all of the features of claim 11. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 11 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Claims 18-20 depend from claim 17 and includes all of the features of claim 17. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 17 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Claims 23-25 depend from claim 22 and include all of the features of claim 22. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 22 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Claims 28-30 depend from claim 27 and includes all of the features of claim 27. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 27 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Claims 33-36 depend from claim 32 and includes all of the features of claim 32. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 32 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance over the prior art of record. Therefore, this Amendment is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action. Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to set forth further arguments and remarks supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same,

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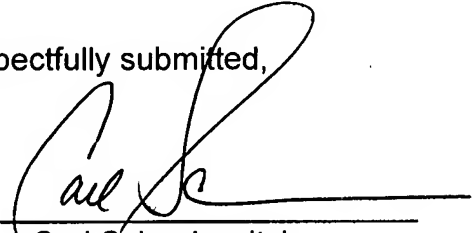
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the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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